

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**1.) Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-11, 14, and 15. The Applicants note, however, that there is a slight inaccuracy in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Examiner stated that the prior art does not teach "comparing parameter values describing possible payload connections between the core network and the first access network, with parameter values of possible payload connections between the core network and the access network servicing the first party." This statement is inaccurate because (1) there is no first party recited in claim 1, and (2) if there was, the first party would be served by the first access network. Therefore, the comparison described by the Examiner would be a comparison of the same parameters with themselves. The Statement should properly read that the prior art does not teach "comparing parameter values describing possible payload connections between the core network and the first access network, with parameter values of possible payload connections between the core network and the access network serving *the called party*." (Emphasis added).

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mikkonen (US 6,587,457). The Applicants have canceled claims 12 and 13:

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chung et al. (US 6,584,108). The Applicants have canceled claim 16.

3.) New Claim

The Applicants have added new claim 17. Claim 17 recites a core network control node for a cellular communication network having at least one core network and at least one access network. The core network control node includes means for receiving a connection request from a first access network; means for seizing first

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payload transmission resources between the core network and the first access network; and means for transferring call control functions from the core network control node to a gateway control node. The gateway control node fetches routing information for a called party from a home location register and transfers the call control functions to an access network control node that controls a second access network that serves the called party. The access network control node seizes second payload transmission resources between the core network and the second access network. The core network control node also includes a connection calculation unit that calculates parameter values describing possible payload connections between the core network and the first access network, as defined by the seized first payload transmission resources; a parameter comparison unit that compares the calculated parameter values with parameter values received from the access network control node; and a processing unit for handling input and output of parameter values, seizure of payload transmission resources, and setup and through-connection of a payload connection.

Thus, claim 17 recites a core network control node that performs the method of allowed claim 1, including the allowable limitation of a parameter comparison unit that compares the calculated parameter values describing the possible payload connections between the core network and the first access network with parameter values received from the access network control node for the access network serving the called party. Basis for claim 17 is found in the originally filed specification in FIGS. 2 and 3, and on page 20, lines 6-8 where it is stated that the comparison may be performed by the first control node or the second control node, or both. Therefore, the allowance of claim 17 is respectfully requested.

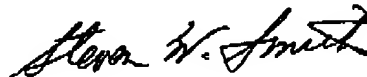
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3-11, 14, 15, and 17.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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